GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DISCOUNT ON SECURITY
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned `Garud per chhoot pane ke liye upbhokta bhatake rahe` appearing in the Rashtriya Sahara dated November 14, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein;

(c) whether the officers of the booking centres were not informed that the amount of security is fifty percent;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the persons found responsible in this regard and the action likely to be taken against them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. As soon as Telecom Regulatory Authority of India(TRAI) gave permission to reduce security deposit by 50% and monthly rental by Rs. 100 on `Garuda` Wireless in local Loop (WLL) service, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) Delh planned to make these new rates effective before the festival of `Deepawali`. Therefore, an advertisement in the leading newspapers was immediately released so that all our esteemed customers as well as concerned officers and staff are informed about this change quickly.
Some time was taken for information to formally reach all the `31` booking centres in a big city like Delhi. Still, all the booking centres were informed about this change by noon time. It was not possible to send the information to booking centres unless approval of TRAI was obtained.